

## **Project = Develop (Young) Volunteer pathways into clubs**

### **Description**

The ultimate aim of this project is to help sports organisations find volunteers and ensure that any volunteers, who are so placed, receive a good experience. Negotiations have been going on with the CSPs and some reps of Third Sector organisations. It is intended to set up a project that will seek to:

- Research the needs of clubs
- Develop some examples of good practise & advice for clubs
- Support Clubs to set up a Volunteer Coordinator
- Establish some common forms and protocols across the region that will be accepted by a variety of agencies
- Develop relationships between Sports Organisations and Volunteer Centres within that County
- Establish a region-wide database of volunteers and opportunities
- Help the CSPs to broker things locally

It is hoped that, acting on behalf of the NGBs, the project will tie the CSPs closer in with the Volunteers Centres. This seems to be the best way of ensuring sustainability. Funding will be elicited to:

- Provide some regional overview / direction
- Develop a regional level database that the CSPs can use collectively
- Carry out local research and develop examples of good practise, etc
- Support the CSPs to manage the interface within their County.

### **Factors that will help the CSPs**

- The ability to populate a database with people who might help them run events and then feed these people into club volunteering
- The ability to track young volunteers who have come through Step into Sport and help them achieve a placement in Community Sport
- The ability to track people across the region (e.g. as they go to College or University)

### **Factors that will help the NGBs**

Consultation is required with the NGB Forum to establish the outcomes that will help sports the most. For example, it is felt that we should focus on the development of Volunteer Coordinators within clubs. This will help them with their volunteering generally and also support Club Mark applications. So, we'd like to know how interested NGBs are in this prospect.

Key Questions within the consultation:

- Are NGBs happy with the proposals so far?
- Do NGBs require any other outcomes from the project?
- Would NGBs be able to help by identifying (a few) clubs across the region that would be worth targeting by the project?
- What other support could an NGB Offer? This might come from a County, Regional or National Office. E.g. Help to build and update a Regional Club Mark Register across all sports
- Is there anything else to consider?